

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CENTRAL LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD WITH
LIBERTY CHURCH,
TUSKALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA,

From the 1st to the 3rd of October, 1892.

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MINUTES.

On Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1892, the ministers and delegates composing the Central Liberty Association, met with the Liberty Church, Tuscaloosa County, Ala. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. R. Wiggins, from Job 21:15—"What is the Almighty that we should serve him; and what profit should we have if we pray unto him?" Then a recess of one hour was given to partake of dinner, which was prepared and at the church.

Then the delegates and congregation reassembled in the church, sang a hymn, and joined in prayer led by Elder Adam Fikes. Then the former moderator called the body to order, declared it partially organized and ready for business,

Called for the letters from the churches, and appointed J. M. Greathouse and J. H. Deweese reading committee. The letters were read and names of delegates enrolled as follows. (Absentees marked thus *) :—

HAYSOP—W. G. Hubbard,* Robert Murphy, J. W. Hubbard, S. C. Hubbard, Hardy Murphy,* Barney Thompson.*

LIBERTY—F. M. Hobson, J. H. Deweese, J. A. Shuttlesworth, J. R. Wiggins.

MULBERRY—Adam Fikes, A. J. Mayfield, J. W. Caddell, Robert Hobson.

PLEASANT HILL—J. W. Coly, J. M. Geddie,* A. B. Coly, J. M. Johnson, S. O. Thompson.

PINE FLAT—C. W. Arnold,* B. C. Latner, S. F. Smelley.

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SPRING HILL—B. F. Boggs,* L. C. Averett,* Quincy Arnold, Jr.*

UNION—M. E. Doss, I. J. Greathouse, J. D. Holman.

UNION HILL—W. C. Pool,* H. J. Dockery,* Nicholas Mayhan.*

Then went into the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of F. M. Hobson Moderator, and A. J. Mayfield Clerk,

Then opened the door for other churches to join this Association.

Then the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read.

Then appointed the following committees :—

Devotion—J. W. Caddell, I. J. Greathouse, with the Deacons of Liberty Church.

Arrangement of Business—J. R. Wiggins, Adam Fikes, J. W. Hubbard, J. H. Deweese, with the Moderator and Clerk.

Finance—B. C. Latner, J. W. Caddell, A. B. Coly.

Documents—J. A. Shuttlesworth, J. W. Caddell, I. J. Greathouse.

Called for the report on Devotion:—Committee reported prayer-meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, led by J. H. Deweese. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elder Adam Fikes, followed by Elder J. R. Wiggins.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SABBATH MORNING.—Prayer-meeting led by J. H. Deweese. Preaching by Elder Adam Fikes, followed by Eld. J. R. Wiggins. Their subject was based on the words "For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace," Romans 8:6.

SABBATH EVENING.—Prayer-meeting led by A. J. Mayfield. Preaching by Elder F. M. Hobson. His subject was "Exhorting the Association to do their duty," and we believe much good will result from the labors of the day.

MONDAY 10 A. M.—THIRD DAY SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment, joined in prayer led by J. W. Hubbard. Then the Moderator called the body to order.

Called for the report of Arrangement of Business. Report read and adopted:

We, your Committee, submit the following:—1st. Open the door for Correspondence. 2. Call the roll. 3. Call for report on Missions. 4. On Temperance. 5. On Education. 6. We suggest that the churches of this Association loose the hands of Bro. F. M. Hobson to work half of his time among us. 7. To inquire about Elliott's Creek Church. 8. We suggest that this body try to form some plan to keep their delegates from going home before the Session closes. A. J. MAYFIELD, Chm'n.

1. Opened the door for Correspondence. Received Correspondence as follows:

From the Tuscaloosa—John H. Ward and D. J. Ward. They did not know whether they were delegates or not, but through our request they came forward. From the Harmony—Lewis Cansey.

Returned Correspondence as follows:

To the Harmony—S. C. Hubbard, A. J. Mayfield, W. A. Lucas, M. Hubbard. To the Tuscaloosa—Rev. J. R. Wiggins, Rev. Adam Fikes, Rev. F. M. Hobson, J. H. Deweese. To the Mulberry—Rev. Adam Fikes, J. H. Deweese. (Deweese to write the letters).

2. Called the roll and marked absentees. (See table).

3. Called for the report on Missions. No report on Missions. On motion, the committee was continued, and J. R. Wiggins was added to the committee.

On motion, the body agreed to discuss the subject of Mis-

sions for 45 minutes. Opened by J. H. Deweese, and the time was occupied in discussing the subject of missions.

On motion, a recess of one hour was given to partake of dinner, which was prepared and at the church, in which time a delicious repast was served.

EVENING SESSION—The Moderator resumed his seat again.

4. Called for the report on Temperance. Report read and adopted.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that while this is an old and hackneyed subject, nevertheless the great importance of it is not lowered in the least. Seventy-five or one hundred years ago church members and officers of the church, and sometimes even preachers were engaged in distilling whisky, until its baleful and pernicious effects were so apparent that the more pious ones of them formed among themselves what was then called Temperance Societies, and they accomplished a great deal of good, and as the people became more enlightened, what was called Sons of Temperance sprang up, and they accomplished a great degree of good, and lulled off. And as the people became still more enlightened, the Prohibition question was agitated throughout the United States, and it did a vast amount of good in suppressing the use and traffic of ardent spirits. And now to-day the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is doing a wonderful work in reforming the poor inebriate. The earth has helped the church. I mean by that, that our wise legislators have enacted laws that have driven the sale of whisky from the country and confined it to large towns or cities; and were it not for the laws that have been made relative to the sale and use of liquor, we could not in many places in our country meet and hold worship. Our meetings would be broken up by ruffians and drinking men. The moral law or law of God would not restrain them. The civil law of the country is everything that holds them back. As things exist now, a large number of the true-bills found by our grand juries goes from our country churches, caused from disturbance of public worship, which originates from drinking whisky. We will not attempt to point out the wretchedness and misery brought about by drinking ardent spirits; only hint at what we think would be the means of bringing about a still greater reformation. If all the membership of the Protestant churches of the United States that claimed to be deeply interested in this cause, had been regenerated and christian people have approached a throne of grace in a proper manner, there would not be a whiskey shop among our people to-day. Some well-informed people argue that Temperance in this enlightened day means nothing short of Prohibition. Be it so, our territory is covered by prohibitory laws—none nearer than Tuscaloosa. Now we appeal earnestly to the christians among us to lay hold of this cause, and work and pray until the monster is entirely banished from our State.

Ah! brandy, brandy, bane of life,
Tumult source of strife.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOBSON, Chairman.

5. Called for the report on Education. No report on Education, and the same committee was continued.

6. Called for the suggestion in regard to loosing Bro. F. M. Hobson's hands to work half of his time among us. The subject was debated on among us, and deferred until the fifth Sabbath in this month to be decided upon.

7. Inquired about Elliott's Creek Church, and found out that it had been dissolved.

8. Called for the report on Documents. Report read and adopted: We, your Committee on Documents, submit the following:—We have examined all of the letters, and we are sorry to say that coldness exist among us all. Union Church asks for the next session of this body.

J. A. SHUTTLESWOTH, Chairman.

9. Called for the report on Finance. Received from the churches \$14.60.

B. C. LATNER, Chairman.

10. On motion the Clerk is to have 350 copies of these minutes printed, and have five dollars for his services, and retain 30 copies for correspondence.

11. The next session of this Association will meet with the Union Church on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1893. Eld. F. M. Hobson to preach the Introductory Sermon, J. R. Wiggins, Alternate.

12. The next District Meeting of this Body will meet with the Haysop Church on Friday before the Second Sabbath in September, 1893. Elder J. R. Wiggins to preach the Introductory Sermon; Adam Fikes, Alternate. Subject for discussion—How can we best develop the spirituality of churches? Opened by J. H. Deweese.

13. The Association returns its thanks to the citizens of the vicinity of Liberty Church for their kindness to us during our stay with them.

14. The Association having gone through with all the business before it, sang a hymn and took the parting hand with each other, joined in prayer led by Elder A. Fikes.

A. J. MAYFIELD, Clerk.

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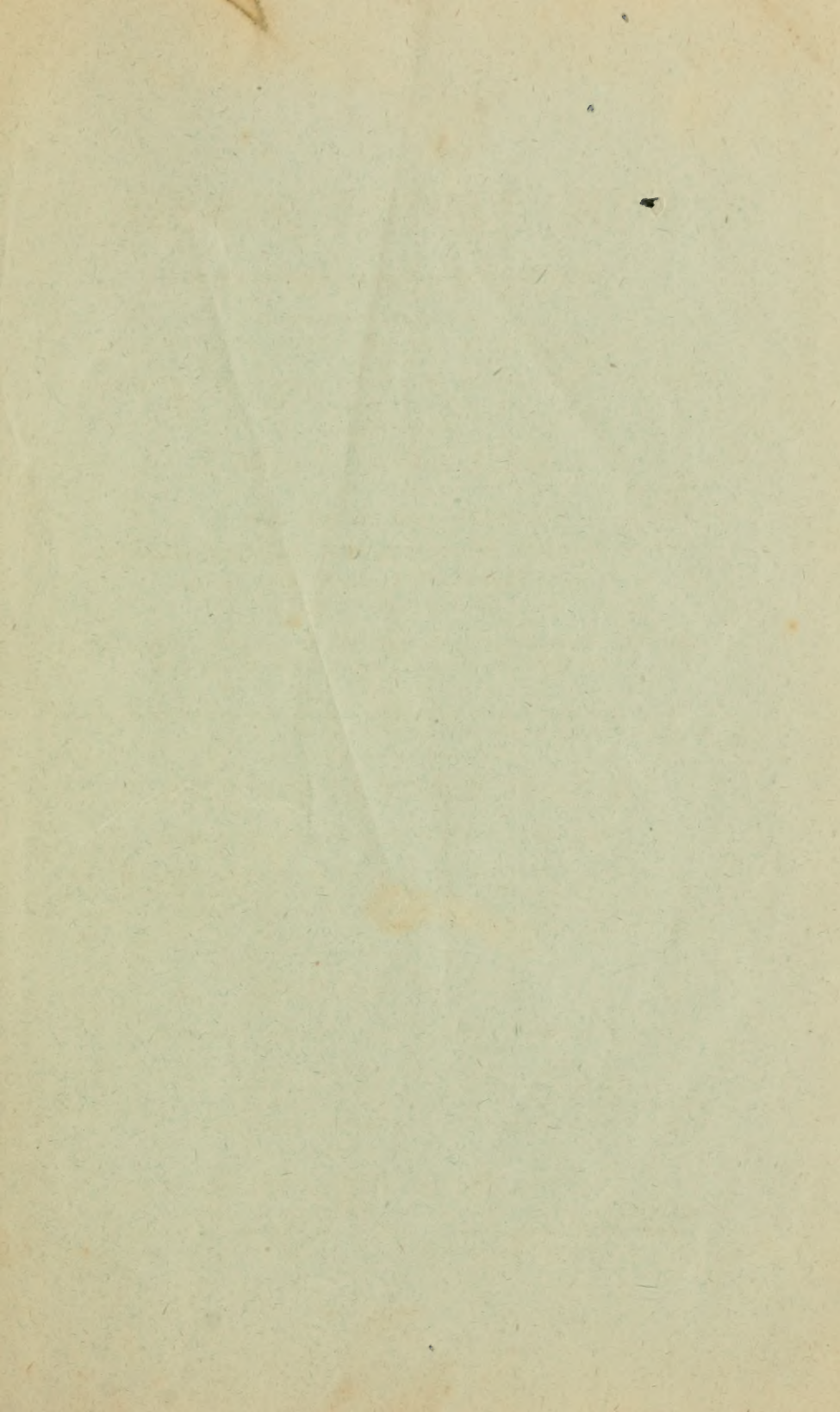
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